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I want to convey my support for SB116 regarding restrictions on pesticide applications near lakes and ponds, SB120 regarding restrictions on chlorpyrifos and neonicotinoids for nonagricultural use.

I want to convey my support for HB5143 regarding establishing an office of aquatic invasive species.

I want to convey my concerns for and my lack of support of SB119 regarding an act concerning climate resiliency funds and projects. My concern is the aspect of investment - no mention is made of where funds may be invested. I request that the proposed bill language be amended to specify that investments must be in non-fossil fuel and non-chemical funds and stocks, and that the focus of investments be on ESGs - Environmental, Social, and Governance or similar areas of investment that incorporate clean (zero carbon) energy and transportation, sustainable, recycled and repurposed materials and products, environmental justice considerations, and other climate neutral or climate action supportive investments. This can fortify investments against the coming changes in how our society produces energy, moves goods and services, attends to the needs of disadvantaged communities and groups, and how waste and recycling are managed. It also would send a signal to on where municipalities and educational institutions invest their funds.

I wish to convey my support for a number of bills addressing EPR - Extended Producer Responsibility, SB115 regarding packaging, HB5139 regarding tires, and HB5142 regarding gas cylinders. These need to be recycled, and we need producer responsibility to accelerate working towards economically feasible recycling, pollution reduction, and reuse of materials from our waste stream.

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